



**American Red Cross in Greater New York  
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**Volunteer Resources • 212-875-2068**

**Area Offices**

At Greater New York Red Cross Area Offices you can register for and attend Red Cross lifesaving and preparedness classes, purchase safety supplies, obtain preparedness information, sign up to become a Red Cross volunteer and donate. Disaster response equipment and supplies are also stationed at each Area Office to facilitate relief efforts.

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Bronx, NY 10461  
718-823-1418

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New York, NY 10019  
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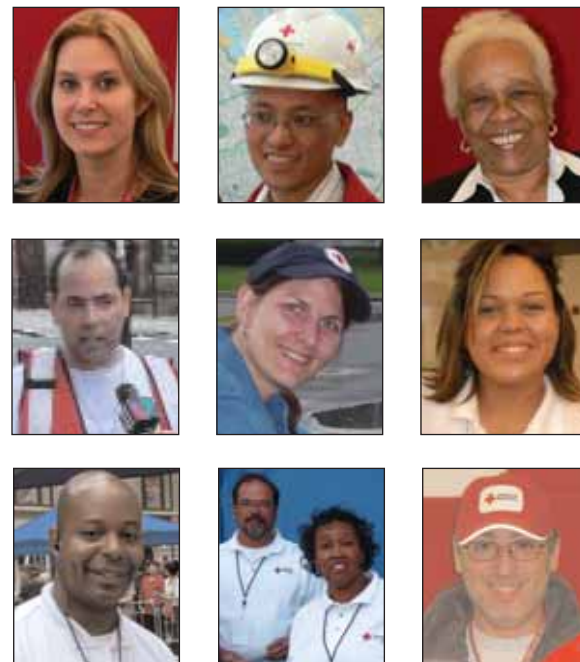
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DO GREAT THINGS EVERY DAY**

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**Take the First Step Today –  
Register for a Volunteer Orientation  
Or the Reserve Institute**

[www.nyredcross.org/volunteer](http://www.nyredcross.org/volunteer)  
1-877-RECROSS ext. 2068

**The Spirit of Commitment**

American Red Cross in Greater New York volunteers are dedicated, committed and selfless in offering their services for the greater good of our community. We rely on volunteers to help New Yorkers prepare for emergencies, provide training in lifesaving skills, assist victims of disasters, connect families or simply lend a helping hand to members of the community. Without dedicated volunteers, there would be no Red Cross.

**The Challenge**

Recent events, including 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and the New York City blackouts, have demonstrated the necessity for the American Red Cross in Greater New York to be prepared to deploy trained volunteers to respond to major natural and man-made disasters. In these times of uncertainty, we estimate that the Chapter needs to recruit and train 10,000 adults, many of whom will be reserve volunteers, ready to fulfill our mission of providing shelter, food and counseling to thousands of our neighbors in the event of a major local natural or man-made disaster, like a Category 3 hurricane.

**The Rewards of Volunteering**

Red Cross volunteers have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of their friends and neighbors through our lifesaving and life-changing work.

Our volunteers come to us from all walks of life and for a variety of reasons. Many want to help after a major disaster. Some wish to assist others after receiving aid from the Red Cross. Others want to donate their professional expertise and talent to benefit members of their communities.

All, however, say that they receive the same benefits in return—satisfaction, fulfillment, enrichment and gratification. Most of all, they share a spirit of belonging and giving that comes from helping others as Red Cross volunteers.

**Opportunities For All**

Volunteer opportunities are available in the five boroughs of New York City and Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Sullivan Counties. If you are interested in volunteering, our website and volunteer specialists are available to assist you. We will work with you to match your talents, interests and availability to opportunities that best suit you. In exchange, you'll be rewarded with fulfilling experiences that will bring you enormous satisfaction.



The American Red Cross in Greater New York is a key humanitarian partner and a vital participant in New York's plans and programs to help the nine million people in the five boroughs of New York City and Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Sullivan Counties prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Given the uncertainties of today's world, the Chapter is accelerating its collaboration with government agencies and other partners to develop and implement readiness plans to respond to major natural and man-made disasters.

The Chapter's employees and volunteers provide immediate aid in the form of food, shelter, financial assistance, mental health counseling and compassion to more than 140,000 people affected by more than 3,000 emergencies a year – from fires and floods to building collapses and blackouts.

The Red Cross also helps individuals, families, businesses and communities stay prepared for emergencies by offering hundreds of lifesaving courses in Adult/Child/Infant CPR, First Aid, Lifeguarding and Caregiving, as well as safety information and resources and free emergency preparedness training programs.

The Red Cross is not a governmental organization. Essential programs and services are funded by gifts from individuals and companies, proceeds from special events and grants from foundations and local, state and federal government.

# As a volunteer, you can:

## Help Victims of Disasters

The American Red Cross in Greater New York responds to 3,000 disasters a year. Disaster Response volunteers are out on the streets and in the communities, day and night, to meet the needs of New Yorkers affected by fires, blackouts, floods, building collapses and other emergencies. They provide immediate humanitarian aid – food, shelter, financial assistance, temporary housing, mental health support and emergency supplies.



Disaster responders receive up to 40 hours of free specialized Red Cross training. Volunteers can work many times each month and develop their own individual schedule.

New York area volunteers can also be deployed to assist disaster victims in other parts of the United States. In 2007, dozens of New York volunteers directly assisted those affected by the floods in the Midwest and Texas and the Southern California wildfires.

In addition, the Chapter is recruiting thousands of New Yorkers interested in helping their neighbors during and after major local disasters, like a Category 3 hurricane, to become Disaster Reserve Volunteers.

## RESERVE INSTITUTE

You can become a Disaster Reserve Volunteer by attending the one-day Reserve Institute. Or, your organization can form a Reserve Volunteer team through the Red Cross *Ready When the Time Comes* (RWTC) program.

## Teach Lifesaving Skills Courses

Through our Train-the-Trainer programs you can become a Red Cross certified instructor and train others to save lives. If becoming a volunteer Red Cross instructor appeals to you and you have experience in teaching, public speaking, conducting meetings or working with small groups, let the Red Cross give you all the technical training you need to confidently teach Red Cross lifesaving skills courses in CPR, First Aid, AED, Caregiving and Aquatics.



## Offer Preparedness Information

We train volunteers to present outreach courses and safety programs to individuals, community groups and schools. These include *Prepare New York* and *Preparing for the Unexpected*, two 45-minute emergency preparedness presentations, as well as children's preparedness and safety programs, such as *Scrubby Bear* and *Whale's Tales*.

Volunteers also provide preparedness information and distribute brochures, CDs and tips at neighborhood events, street fairs and transportation hubs.

## Spread the Word

Red Cross volunteer public affairs representatives, writers, editors, photographers and Web specialists inform the public through our website and various media outlets about preparedness programs, lifesaving training courses and relief services available to those affected by disaster.

## Facilitate Blood Collection

In Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Sullivan counties the Chapter is actively engaged in organizing and managing blood drives. Volunteers are needed to help recruit blood donors and provide logistic support during blood collection events.

## Provide Language Assistance

If you speak, read or write a language other than English, you can be of service to New York's diverse communities. Residents in more than 40 percent of homes in New York City speak a language other than English. You can help non-English speakers to communicate during emergencies, assist in our outreach efforts and offer Safety & Preparedness training.

## Contribute Vital Support Services

The Red Cross would not be able to function without the help of volunteers who provide behind-the-scenes assistance during disaster operations, as well as administrative and technical services. All Red Cross departments, from Disaster Response to Development, need help with essential office functions such as logistical support, records and reports, filing and computer work.

## Join Our Youth Program

High school students between ages 14 and 18 can join our youth program and play critical roles in all of our service areas. Youth volunteers conduct our annual book and toy drive for homeless children. They also participate in other fundraising activities to help children affected by disaster, and provide support to Red Cross Area Offices. Youth program members learn the value of volunteer service and the importance of teamwork and leadership through participation on an executive board or youth leadership council. Many high schools have student-led Red Cross Clubs which engage in community service projects.



## Become an Intern

College students may fulfill internship requirements through a variety of service options. With opportunities in each department and in local Area Offices, internships cover many majors and fields, providing relevant work experience and meaningful activities that are sure to be of interest to potential employers.

## Join Our Family

To learn more about volunteering for the American Red Cross in Greater New York, go to [www.nyredcross.org/volunteer](http://www.nyredcross.org/volunteer) to review our volunteer opportunities including our *Ready When the Time Comes* (RWTC) program for local companies and community-based groups, or register for the Reserve Institute. If you have any questions, please call **1-877-REDCROSS, ext. 2068**.

Can't volunteer, but still want to help? Consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the American Red Cross in Greater New York. To make a donation please visit our website, [www.nyredcross.org/donate](http://www.nyredcross.org/donate) or call **1-877-REDCROSS, ext. 2152**. Contributions may also be sent by mail to:

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